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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF ZAGREB UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

1. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF THE DETENTION AND/OR ARRESTS LAST WEEK OF A GROUP OF ZAGREB UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. SPECULATION HAD IT THAT THE STUDENTS WERE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN "NATIONALIST" ACTIVITIES.

2. THE ARCHBISHOP OF ZAGREB TOLD THE CONSUL GENERAL TODAY (JUNE 8, 1978) THAT ABOUT TEN STUDENTS HAD BEEN PICKED UP LAST WEEK AND WHILE HE HAD NOT RECEIVED MANY DETAILS, HE UNDERSTOOD THE AUTHORITIES WERE TRYING TO LINK THE ALLEGED NATIONALIST MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS GROUP WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE ARCHBISHOP STATED THAT SOME OF THE STUDENTS HAD ATTENDED LECTURES ON RELIGION, BUT HE DENIED SUBSTANCE TO ANY POSSIBLE CHARGE THAT THE STUDENTS AND THE CHURCH WERE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTION. INTERESTINGLY, HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ONE COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF THESE STUDENTS MIGHT HAVE HAD CONNECTIONS WITH "OTHER PARTIES OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA." IN THE ARCHBISHOP'S JUDGMENT, THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE AUTHORITIES WAS DESIGNED AS A WARNING TO OTHERS TO MIND THEIR P'S AND Q'S, WHICH IN TURN WOULD REINFORCE THE INCLINATION OF YUGOSLAVS TO BE CAUTIOUS AND DISCREET IN THEIR POLITICAL BEHAVIOR.

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3. COMMENT: OCCASIONAL DETENTIONS AND ARRESTS IN ZAGREB OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE INDEED SERVED TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE IN CONTROL. THE ARRESTS ARE ALSO A REMINDER THAT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EYES THERE STILL ARE HOSTILE ELEMENTS HERE. FURTHERMORE, IT IS ALSO A REMINDER THAT BENEATH THE CALM SURFACE OF NORMALCY THERE MAY BE HIDDEN POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS AND OPINIONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN PERMITTED TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES.

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